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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your URGENT intervention regarding the following situation in **East Timor.**

**Brief description of the situation:**

The East Timor Human Rights Centre (ETHRC), a member of the OMCT network, has expressed its grave concern over the physical and psychological integrity of Mr. **Marcos Belo**, an East Timorese youth.

According to information received, Mr. Marcos Belo was arrested on 30 September, 1998, together with three other East Timorese youths, Agapito Belo, Carlos Pinto Belo and Ernesto Amaral Belo, during an Indonesian military operation in the hamlet of Kaisida (10 kilometers from the city of Baucau). They were accused of stealing an electric cable. However, it is believed the real reason for their arrest is their suspected involvement in the clandestine resistance and their participation in public forums to discuss East Timor's future.

The four detainees were taken to the Air Force headquarters at Lanud Baucau where they were interrogated and, it is believed, subjected to torture.

Agapito Belo, Carlos Pinto Belo and Ernesto Amaral Belo were released after 12 hours but Marcos Belo is still believed to be detained at Lanud Baucau. It is further alleged that he has been denied access to legal representation. Given the circumstances of their arrests and the numerous allegations of torture and other gross violations of human rights in East Timor, OMCT expresses its grave concern for the physical and psychological integrity of Mr. Marcos Belo.

**Actions requested**:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of Mr. **Marcos Belo** at all times;

ii. order his immediate release if he is being held without any valid charges or, in the event that he has been charged, ensure his right to a fair and impartial trial as well as his procedural rights at all times;

iii. bring an immediate end to the use of torture by the Indonesian authorities;

iv. in general, ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.